IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25 as follows:

--FIG. 6, shows a mobile terminal 602 according to an embodiment of the present invention, for transitioning in a wireless communication system to a dual mode in which a packet switched connection and circuit switched connection are used together, from a single mode in which packets are transferred. This mobile terminal includes a transceiver 604, for sending toward a processing unit a paging signal 606 indicative that the network would like the mobile terminal to transition to dual mode. The mobile terminal 602 also includes a processing unit 610, responsive to the paging signal 606, for providing the RLC/MAC message 622 via PACCH. The mobile terminal also includes a memory 615, for example a computer readable medium or storage structure, operatively coupled to the processing unit 610 and encoded with a software data structure configured to cause the processing unit 610 to perform operations as shown in Figure 5. All the while, packet switched (PS) resources 649 are uninterrupted. In response to the signal 622, the processing unit 610 receives a DTM assignment command 612 that allows the establishment and use of a circuit switched connection 618 in conjunction with the packet switched connection 649. The processing unit 610 includes a timer, so that if the DTM Assignment Command 612 is not received by the expiration of the timer, then the processing unit will revert to the prior art method of acquiring dual mode, which includes the release of PS resources.--